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Camden vacation rental checklist

Kershaw County, South Carolina | Rules checked November 6, 2026

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We found no short-term rental permit for Camden in the city sources we read. Guests pay 9% state-collected tax plus the city's 1.5% local accommodations tax, and the city may require a business license.

We read the city's accommodations tax section but did not search its full code for rental rules. Confirm with the city before you list.

Airbnb's South Carolina tax article lists the state taxes and the local taxes the state administers, plus a short list of county and city taxes. No local tax in this county is on that list, so file the local accommodations tax yourself, even on Airbnb bookings.

Licensing steps

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- [ ] **Get a retail license for direct bookings**
  If you take bookings yourself, you need a SCDOR retail license for each rental property and must file and pay electronically through MyDORWAY. If you rent only through a property manager or an online travel company that takes the payment, they remit the state tax and you don't need a license. Rent no more than one week a quarter and you can file once a year instead.
  MyDORWAY: https://mydorway.dor.sc.gov/
- [ ] **Know what the platform collects**
  Airbnb collects the 5% sales tax, 2% accommodations tax, and the local sales taxes the state collects, on its bookings. It also collects some county and city accommodations taxes, but only in the places it lists. Everything else is yours to file.
- [ ] **Register for local taxes**
  Many counties and cities charge their own accommodations tax (up to 3%), a hospitality tax, or a beach preservation fee. They collect these directly, so you register with the county or city even if a platform pays your state tax.
- [ ] **Check your property tax rate**
  A home that is your legal residence keeps the 4% assessment ratio only if it is rented out 72 days or less a year. Rent it more and it is taxed as a 6% rental property. Ask your county assessor.
- [ ] **Then your county and city**
  Business licenses, rental permits, and zoning are where South Carolina towns differ most. Pick your area.

KERSHAW COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

- [ ] **Then your city or area**
  Pick your area.

CITY OF CAMDEN

- [ ] **Register for state and local taxes**
  The state-collected tax on stays here is 9% (state sales and accommodations tax plus local sales taxes). Airbnb collects it on its bookings; for direct bookings, get a SCDOR retail license and file through MyDORWAY. Ask the City of Camden how to register for and file its 1.5% local accommodations tax.
- [ ] **Ask about zoning and a business license**
  Ask the City of Camden whether zoning allows a short-term rental at your address and whether you need a business license. Check your HOA rules too.

Official sources

South Carolina Department of Revenue: Accommodations tax. https://dor.sc.gov/tax/accommodations

Airbnb: Collection and remittance by Airbnb in South Carolina. https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/2328

South Carolina Department of Revenue: Revenue Ruling #15-4: vacation rentals of a residence-
. https://dor.sc.gov/resources-site/lawandpolicy/Advisory%20Opinions/RR15-4.pdf

City of Camden (American Legal): City Code: local accommodations tax (Ord. 02-010)-
. https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/camden/latest/camden_sc/0-0-0-1160

City of Camden: Hospitality tax reporting form. https://experiencecamdensc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/htax-form.pdf